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Hazards

Some walking on the pavement alongside the busy Wellesbourne Road. Deep water close to the route. Do not walk this route if the river is flooded.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route. There are steps and gates and paths less than one metre wide. Mostly tarmac with some grassy and uneven sections which may be muddy when wet. The footbridge over the Avon has steps on both sides. Buses run between Wellesbourne Road (near to the hostel) and Stratford-upon-Avon, check times before leaving.

Facilities

Toilets and many food and drink options in Stratford-upon-Avon. Shop selling food, pub and restaurants in Tiddington.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit – learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

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Shakespeare's Town walk



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YHA Stratford-upon-Avon

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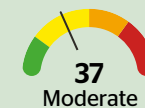
Riverside, historic town and countryside walk

A walk into Stratford-upon-Avon to enjoy the River Avon, Shakespeare attractions and the historic town.

Distance: 9.4 miles (15.1km)

Ascent: 20m (66ft)

Time: Allow 3h 45m to 6h 30m



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Moderate

Partnered with



Route directions

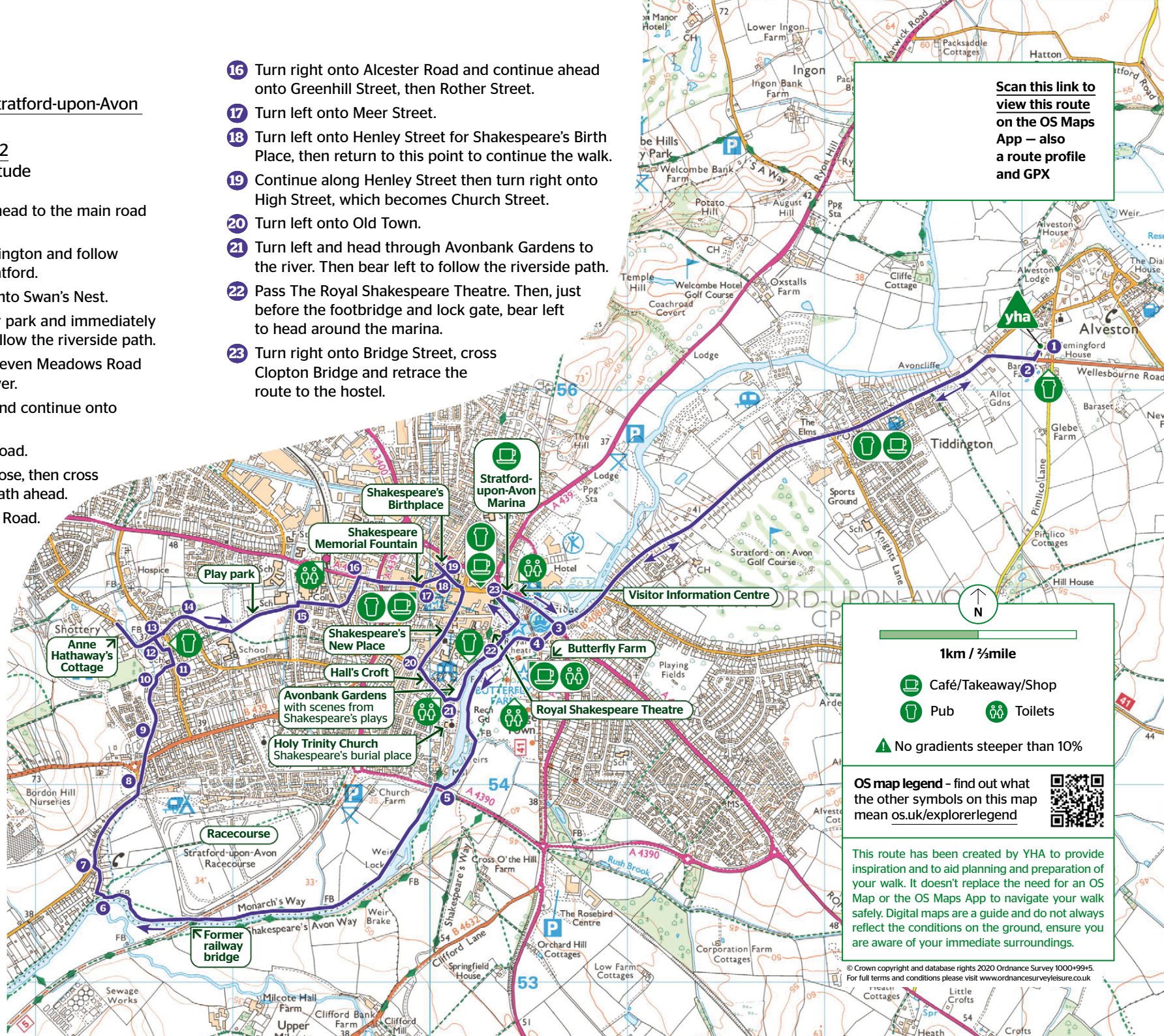
Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (205) Stratford-upon-Avon & Evesham

Start/Finish: Grid ref SP 230 562

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- 1 From the hostel's front door head to the main road (Wellesbourne Road).
- 2 Turn right, pass through Tiddington and follow Tiddington Road towards Stratford.
- 3 Cross Banbury Road ahead onto Swan's Nest.
- 4 Pass the Swans Nest Lane car park and immediately turn right, then bear left to follow the riverside path.
- 5 Cross the footbridge before Seven Meadows Road and turn left alongside the river.
- 6 Bear right to leave the river and continue onto Stannells Close.
- 7 Turn right onto Luddington Road.
- 8 Bear right onto Luddington Close, then cross Evesham Road onto the footpath ahead.
- 9 Continue ahead onto Hogarth Road.
- 10 Join the footpath ahead, then turn right onto the track.
- 11 Turn left onto Hathaway Lane, then left onto Shottery and follow the road around to the right.
- 12 Turn left onto Cottage Lane for Anne Hathaway's Cottage, then return to this point to continue the walk.
- 13 Continue onto Bell Lane, then bear left onto Tavern Lane.
- 14 Bear left onto the footpath and pass alongside the school playing fields. Bear left at the path junction, pass the play park and continue to The Willows.
- 15 At the residential road (The Willows) turn left, then right onto the footpath and continue ahead.

- 16 Turn right onto Alcester Road and continue ahead onto Greenhill Street, then Rother Street.
- 17 Turn left onto Meer Street.
- 18 Turn left onto Henley Street for Shakespeare's Birth Place, then return to this point to continue the walk.
- 19 Continue along Henley Street then turn right onto High Street, which becomes Church Street.
- 20 Turn left onto Old Town.
- 21 Turn left and head through Avonbank Gardens to the river. Then bear left to follow the riverside path.
- 22 Pass The Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Then, just before the footbridge and lock gate, bear left to head around the marina.
- 23 Turn right onto Bridge Street, cross Clopton Bridge and retrace the route to the hostel.



Scan this link to view this route on the OS Maps App – also a route profile and GPX

1km / 3/4 mile

Café/Takeaway/Shop
Pub Toilets

▲ No gradients steeper than 10%

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